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(a) whether the Government are aware of the existence of an obstructionist party in the Tiruturaipundi taluk board ;

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(c) whether in the course of their obstruction these members were reported by the president of the taluk board to have behaved in a very objectionable and unseemly manner ;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to interfere in the matter ; and

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*Construction of roads, etc., in the coast villages of Tonse East,
Badanidiyuru, etc., in Udipi taluk.*

471 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to ascertain and state—

(a) how many roads there are for traffic in the contiguous villages of Tonse East, Badanidiyuru, Kelarkabettu, Tenkanidiyuru and Kodavuru in the Udipi taluk ;

(b) what is the population of these villages as compared with the rest of the taluk ;

(c) whether it is a fact that these villages abutting as they do or being close to the seashore with a large fishing industry have long been in need of roads and footpaths and the demands of the people for them have been neglected by the taluk board ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that an excessive amount of the income of the taluk board has been spent on roads and other improvements in the town of Udipi to the detriment of the interests of the residents, fishermen and traders of the abovementioned coast village ?

A.—(a) The Government understand that Kodavuru is connected with Udipi by the Udipi-Malpe road and Tonse East by the coast road which also abuts the village of Kelarkabettu and that in Badanidiyuru and Tenkanidiyuru there are only tracks and footpaths.

(b) The population of these villages is 14,182 and that of the whole taluk 209,909.

(c) Kodavuru is said to be the only one of these villages with a large fishing industry. The Government are given to understand that provision has been made by the taluk board for the improvement of access to these villages.

(d) Of the 96 miles of road under the Udipi taluk board, Udipi town has only 5 miles.

Fisheries.

Control of the fisheries in the Nilgiris district.

472 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) under what authority, enactment of legislature or otherwise the fisheries in the Nilgiris district are controlled ;

(b) what powers the Collector of the district and the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris, exercise in connexion with the control of the fisheries in any capacity, and for whom or which body ;

(c) what staff and establishment are employed and with what salaries and allowances ;

(d) what is the financial position of the working of the fisheries and what control Government exercise over it ;

(e) (i) whether there is such an officer as Inspector of Fisheries in the Nilgiris district ;

(ii) whether he is treated as Government servant and subject to Public Officers' Conduct Rules ;

(iii) how he is paid and out of what fund ;

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